

IEA Bioenergy

Task 29 – Socio-Economic Drivers in Implementing  
Bioenergy Projects

International Workshop

***Local, regional and cross-boundary  
partnerships in implementing  
bioenergy projects***

6 – 9 June 2005

Bezanec-Zagreb, Croatia

*Hosted by Energy Institute Hrvoje Požar,  
Zagreb, Croatia*



Supported by Ministry of Science, Education and Sport  
of the Republic of Croatia



**Task 29 Website: [www.iea-bioenergy-task29.hr](http://www.iea-bioenergy-task29.hr)**

## **Background**

IEA Bioenergy is an international, collaborative research programme on bioenergy research and utilisation ([www.ieabioenergy.com](http://www.ieabioenergy.com)).

The primary goal of IEA Bioenergy Task 29 ('Socio-Economic Drivers in Implementing Bioenergy Projects') is to promote the use of biomass for energy over fossil based competitor fuels in the participating countries through achieving a better understanding of the social and economic impact of bioenergy systems at the local, regional, national and international level. Participating countries are Austria, Canada, Croatia, Ireland, Japan, Norway, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

The Task 29 workshop in Croatia, is part of a series of workshops within Task 29 taking place on a regular basis. For more detailed information on the Task, its output, and on previous workshops, see [www.iea-bioenergy-task29.hr](http://www.iea-bioenergy-task29.hr) as well as Task 29 educational website about biomass and bioenergy [www.aboutbioenergy.info](http://www.aboutbioenergy.info).

## **Workshop Aims and Objectives**

The workshop represents the final event of this three year period of Task 29 activities and will provide the opportunity for specialists and non-specialists alike to learn and participate in an action focused on understanding the complex social and economic interactions of bioenergy and community. In particular to:

- Compare and contrast different approaches taken to local, regional and cross-boundary partnership in partner countries
- Learn from Best Practice (including invited papers)
- Hear reports from concluded, ongoing and planned projects
- Plan and agree future actions and priorities (next 3 year programme)
- Visit targeted projects and community actions during an extensive study tour through Croatia and Slovenia

**Sunday, June 5 – Hotel Bezanec**

**18:00 Meeting of National Team Leaders; Welcome Cocktail**

**Monday, June 6 – Hotel Bezanec**

**9:30 – 13:00 Technical Session I**

R. Madlener (CEPE – ETH, Switzerland): Innovation Diffusion, Public Policy, and Local Initiative: The Case of Wood-Fueled District Heating Systems in Vorarlberg, Austria

**S. Awerbuch (SPRU–Science&Technology Policy Research University of Sussex, UK):  
The Role of Renewables in Enhancing Energy Diversity and Security**

S. Miura (NEDO, Japan): New Socio-Economic Approach of Bioenergy Utilization in Japan

A. Lunnan (Agricultural University of Norway): Heat Entrepreneurship in Norway

TBA

**15:00 – 17:00 Technical Session II**

J. Richardson (IEA Bioenergy Task 31): TBA

B. White (Canadian Forestry Service, Canada): The Bioenergy Potential of British Columbia's Mountain Pine Beetle Damaged Forests

D.G. Alminana, C. Sole (University of Catalonia): Forest Fire Protection and Water Desalting by Means of Biomass Control

N. Krajnc (Slovenian Forestry Institute, Slovenia), J. Domac (EIHP, Croatia): Bioenergy Sector Employment on a Regional Level - Final Results from SCORE Model

## Hotel Dvorac Bezanec and Zagorje region

<http://www.bezanec.hr/>

Hotel Castle Bezanec is a hotel in the countryside near the Croatia's Capital - Zagreb, 45 km from the Airport. Originally built by the Count of Keglevic in the 17th century, Castle of Bezanec was subsequently owned by the Barons of Kollenbach, Schlaum-Linden, and Ottonfels-Geschwind. Due to its architectural features, landscaped garden, and its proximity to Zagreb, Castle of Bezanec is one of the finest, privately owned stately homes in Croatia. Hotel is a member and Club Code Diplomatie & Consulaire.



The region of Hrvatsko Zagorje in the north-western part of Croatia is famous for its Arcadian landscapes, its romantic castles and manors, and a number of spas. After the Loire Valley, this region has the highest concentration of castles in Europe offering you the opportunity to escape into a very unique world of romance. The area also boasts of renowned shrines, such as Marija Bistrica, as important to Croats as Lourdes is to the French, Fatima to the Portugese, and Loretto to the Italians. The famous wine trails are equally enjoyable for lovers of good wine, good food and the beauty of nature. Here at a small inn you can enjoy extremely tasty specialties of the region or try the wine that your hosts, proud of their vineyards and wine cellars, will gladly offer you. Past has been frozen here ... tomorrow is heralded by a rooster, not an alarm clock!

**Please note that the booking in hotel Bezanec will be done by the organisers.**